

Information Packet and Nomination Form for the Glenn J. Winuk Humanitarian Service Award



The **Glenn J. Winuk Humanitarian Service Award** is presented annually by the Tallahassee office of the law firm **Holland & Knight** and in partnership with **Leon County Government** to honor the memory of a former partner, with the support and cooperation of the Winuk family. The award is presented to honor acts of sacrificial service that Glenn Winuk exemplified in his life and in his death at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. The 2016 winner will be recognized at a formal ceremony held on Thursday, September 8, at 11 a.m. in the Florida State University College of Law Rotunda, 425 West Jefferson Street.

The Story Behind the Glenn J. Winuk Humanitarian Service Award

On the morning of September 11, 2001, when terrorists attacked the World Trade Center, Glenn J. Winuk, a 40-year-old partner at Holland & Knight, sprang to action. As a boy, Glenn dreamed of being a firefighter and saving lives. “He was one of those kids that would go chasing through the neighborhood after fire trucks,” said Glenn’s brother, Jay S. Winuk. Glenn realized his dream by serving as a volunteer firefighter and EMT in his hometown on Long Island for almost 20 years.

Upon learning of the attacks on the morning of September 11, Glenn raced from his midtown apartment to Holland & Knight’s New York City office, located just two blocks from the Twin Towers. He helped evacuate the firm’s law office, borrowed a first responder’s medic bag from workers on the scene and rushed into the towering inferno that was the South Tower to save lives. People were in need of emergency medical care and Glenn responded quickly and courageously. Six months later, his partial remains were discovered. He was donning surgical gloves and a stethoscope, a medic bag by his side. Glenn was posthumously awarded the 9/11 Heroes Medal of Valor by President Barack Obama and the United States Department of Justice.

The boy who chased fire trucks became the man whose service can only be described as heroic. Our country is a beacon of hope because of people like Glenn Winuk, whose actions and story helped inspire the “9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance” (911day.org). When stories of heroes are told, others are inspired to accomplish deeds of kindness. On the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, a record 33 million people engaged in charitable service and good deeds.

Today is your opportunity to nominate someone you revere for this prestigious award so that his or her service can be recognized.

“[T]here aren’t many of us who rush toward a catastrophe instead of away from it. The problem will never be having too many people like Glenn Winuk. It will be having enough.”
The New York Times (1/17/08).

General Information

1. Who is this award for?

The Glenn J. Winuk Humanitarian Service Award is for those who render sacrificial service for the benefit of others. Sacrificial service was the hallmark of Glenn's life. Indeed, his final act of courage on September 11, 2001, followed nearly 20 years of putting his life on the line as a volunteer firefighter and EMT. The award is not limited to those who run into burning buildings to save lives. Instead, it is much broader and extends to anyone who demonstrates sacrificial service. Both one-time heroic acts as well as years of sacrificial service are eligible for the award. We will be primarily focused on activities that have occurred since September 11, 2001, but we also welcome the inclusion of activities from prior to that date. Glenn lost his life on 9/11 while serving, and that day 9/11 has now become a National Day of Service. The 2016 Glenn J. Winuk Humanitarian Service Award will be presented in Tallahassee, FL, on Thursday, September 8, at the Florida State University College of Law to recognize local heroes who carry forward the tradition of humanitarian service exemplified by Glenn's life. This award will also include a \$1,000 donation to the charity of the winner's choice. We encourage prior applicants to submit an application for the award. Prior winners are ineligible.

2. Selection process

All nominations will be reviewed and ranked by a selection panel assembled by the Tallahassee office of Holland & Knight and other community partners.

3. Nomination deadline: August 19, 2016

Completed nomination applications will be accepted beginning on Monday, July 11, 2016. In order to be considered, a nomination application must be received (not just postmarked) by 5:00 p.m. EST on August 19, 2016.

4. Application instructions

The two-page nomination form must be filled out completely. The information submitted on a nomination form will be used for the purpose of evaluating each nominee and for furthering the purpose of the award. Nominations may be submitted by email or mail. Holland & Knight will confirm receipt of all nominations within two business days. If you submit a nomination but do not receive a confirmation, please contact us immediately at (850) 425-5645. Submit completed nominations to:

Email: 911serviceaward@hklaw.com
Glenn J. Winuk Humanitarian Service Award
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Glenn J. Winuk Humanitarian Service Award Nomination Form

I. Nominee Information (if nominee is incapacitated or deceased, please explain)

Full Name of Nominee: _____
Home Address: _____
City/State/Zip code: _____
Daytime Phone #: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Email address: _____

II. Nominator Information

Full Name of Nominator: _____
Home Address: _____
City/State/Zip code: _____
Daytime Phone #: _____
Email address: _____
How long have you known the nominee? _____
Your relationship to the nominee: _____

III. Verification. All nominees must have two (2) references.

(The nominator can be a reference. The references may be contacted for verification purposes.)

A. Name of reference: _____
Mailing address: _____
Daytime Phone #: _____
Email address: _____

B. Name of reference: _____
Mailing address: _____
Daytime Phone #: _____
Email address: _____

IV. Nomination narrative

Using either the space below or a separate piece of paper, please describe the sacrificial service that inspired you to nominate the person named above for the Glenn J. Winuk Humanitarian Service Award. Please limit your narrative to 1,000 words or less. In the narrative, please highlight the personal sacrifice demonstrated by the nominee and the outcome of their efforts. The narrative should indicate whether the services were rendered as a paid employee or as a

volunteer. Also, be sure to clearly identify the individual(s) and/or organization(s) that benefitted from the service that was rendered by the nominee.

Nominee Authorization

I authorize my name (or in cases where the nominee is deceased, I hereby authorize the use of the nominee's name), to be considered as a recipient of the **Glenn J. Winuk Humanitarian Service Award**. I authorize Holland & Knight to use the information contained herein in media releases, on the firm's Web page, and/or via other public avenues as the panel of judges deems appropriate. I agree to allow Holland & Knight to use the nominee's name and photograph in conjunction with the **Glenn J. Winuk Humanitarian Service Award**. I understand and agree that Holland & Knight may conduct a background check on the nominee in conjunction with the selection process.

Nominee's Name, Printed _____

Nominee's Signature _____ Date _____

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